MiG Variants Inducted into IAF

1039. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the different variants of MiG aircraft inducted into the Indian Air Force since 1962 till date;

(b) the types of engines used in these different types of aircraft;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is seriously thinking of phasing out some of the variants of MiG; and

(d) if yes, the types of variants that are going to phased out by Air Force?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Fourteen variants of MIG series aircraft for the trainer and fighter types have been inducted into the Indian Air Force since 1962.

(b) It would not be in the national interest to disclose the type of engines used in these aircraft.

(c) and (d) The older MIG variants are being phased out based on factors like their remaining technical and calendar life, maintainability and product support.

Lapses in the Process of Defence Procurement

1040. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:
PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has detected eleven serious lapses in the process of defence producement;

(b) if yes, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is found that the manner in which defence deals are being signed is against common prudence and established norms?